



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## The Furnace of Affliction

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THE true child of God knows that it is not always the easiest things that are the best things. Usually we have to pay for any good thing at its full value. All good markets charge fancy prices for their commodities, and our blessings and the rich things that we receive from God call for our best. In other words, all the rich things that we receive from God come to us for full value paid, and the true heart that longs for God's best is willing to pay the price, though it calls for some self-denial, tears, anguish and pain, but at the end of such a road we meet God, as it were, face to face.

Many of our richest blessings come to us in some form of rugged hardships. The way to the better country, which lies beyond this vale of tears, is one of struggle and conflict. In running this race each one of us finds obstacles, hindrances and difficulties, which make it hard to travel at times, and if we do not keep our eyes on the goal and keep looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, we are apt to fall by the wayside. We all have to move onward and upward through ranks of resistance. This is true of the physical life. Every child that is born, begins at once a struggle for existence.

The same is true in the mental progress. It must be made against resistance. It takes years and years of study and discipline to develop and train the faculties of the mind. It is an undeniable fact that

a self-indulgent student may have an easy time. He may never trouble himself with difficult problems. He may let the hard problems pass and not vex his brain, but in evading the burden he misses the blessing that was in it for him. The only path to the joys and rewards in obtaining an education is through persistent toil.

As soon as we enter the spiritual life the conflicts and toils begin. While in sin we were drifting down the lane of time, sleeping away in sin, but when God in His great love and mercy saved us, we found out that the struggles began. We soon learned that it is not all in feeling and rejoicing alone, but we found ourselves in a fight against the powers of evil. As good soldiers of the cross we have never seen the day when we could live nobly and worthily without effort, without resistance of wrong influences, without struggling against the powers of temptation. Evermore the cross lies at our feet and daily it must be taken up and carried. But, here, again we learn that it is of just such struggles that we must get the nobleness and beauty of character, after which we are striving, and we should always remember that we grow under weight. Heaven's reward and crown lie beyond battle plains. It flourishes most in adverse circumstances, and we find our richest blessings in the burdens we dread to take up.

The hard places in life also work with-

in us a beautiful, Christian character. It takes away from us those things that hinder us in our progress in the Christian race. It draws our minds to God. It also causes us to seek His face. It polishes us and causes us to shine for God. Too, we learn to distrust ourselves and to put our trust in God. At such a time we learn not to lean on the arm of flesh, but to lean on God. In times of trouble we draw nigh to God and seek His face.

There may be times when we are in heaviness through manifold temptations and oftentimes we forget that the trial of our faith works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Summits of beauty never can be reached without cost. The blessing is always hidden away in the burden and can be gotten only by lifting the burden. Self must die if the good in us is to live and shine out in radiance. It has been truly said, "While the marble wastes the image grows." There must be a wasting of self, a chipping away continually of things that are dear to the nature, if the things that are true and just and honorable and pure and lovely are to come out in the light.

This same love also prevails in suffering. It took suffering on the part of the Son of God to purchase salvation for this world, and indeed He was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. During His childhood days the enemy was enraged against Him, and the enemy, with all of his evil forces was not able to kill Him until His life's work was finished. As children of God we are exhorted to learn the secret of suffering even as He suf-

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# NOTICES

From the Field

The Church of God at Sanford, N. C., 408 North Avenue, is having an all-day service Jan. 28. We cordially invite all pastors and special singers, especially of this, the Erwin district, to be present and enjoy the day with us.—V. C. Ramey, pastor.

The Rocky Mount and Washington, N. C. districts convention will convene at Rocky Mount, N. C. March 2, 3. We are expecting a great time and the presence of the Lord. All ministers and workers be present Saturday, March 2, at 3:00 o'clock. Services will continue until Sunday at 4:00 p. m.—J. R. Campbell, district pastor, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

To the Sunday Schools of North Dakota: This is to report that the Church of God at Lignite won the North Dakota state Sunday School banner for the last quarter, with a gain of 109% in attendance and offerings. Epworth was next with 89% increase, and Ryder was third with a close to 50%. Come on, North Dakota churches, let's rally to the front. See if you can't win the banner next month.—North Dakota state superintendent, J. Andrew Rafferty, Lignite, N. Dak.

God is still blessing in Lignite, N. Dak. and in the new church at North Portal, Sask. We are building a new tabernacle in North Portal which is to be the best equipped and the most beautiful in the Northwest. At its completion we expect to have a dedication service and have a number of visiting ministers with us, including Brother Boatwright, our state overseer. Pray for us up here.—J. Andrew Rafferty, pastor and district pastor.

To all pastors in Georgia: I am making an appeal to you in behalf of our Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent. The December report shows only about half of the churches reporting. Now what is wrong with the rest of the churches? The committee, appointed at the close of the Assembly, figured on every church doing its part, when making plans for his support, and unless the churches, which are failing to do their part, come on with their cooperation, the committee will have to get together again and make other plans for his support. This is the plan the committee made: Send him the tithe of all the Sunday School offerings and the offering of the last service (Y. P. E.) in

each month. Now, if any church does not have any money to send, please report each month so we will know how to make our plans.

We will ask each district pastor to please see that each church under your supervision reports each month. Come on; Georgia folk, and let's boost our offerings and take care of our Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent. He can't work the state unless we support him. His address is: Roy Douglas, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

I would be glad to hear from any of you pastors in regard to this matter.—Yours for the best interest of Georgia churches, Gordon R. Watson, chairman of the committee, 391 14th St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

## SILVERWARE

Attention is hereby called to the coupons that are packed in all Post Cereals, which are good for silverware. It takes such a large number of these to amount to much in the trade for silverware until few people save them, but if you will save all of your coupons packed in Post Cereals, and send them to the Orphanage it will help greatly in solving the silverware problem. Post manufactures a large variety of cereals and you will perhaps be able to meet your cereal needs from them, so save Post Cereal coupons for the orphans. They come in Grape Nut Flakes, Post's Bran Flakes, Whole Bran Flakes, Grape Nuts, Post Toasties, and Huskies. Send all coupons to the Church of God Orphanage, in care of the Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tennessee.

To the Church of God in Alabama:

If any of the pastors have not received a copy of the minutes of the ministers' meeting, please let us know at once and we will send you one. Time for our district conventions to start will soon be here, and we hope for the state's program to go over 100%. We are looking to the district pastors to see that all your churches are over the top in everything.

Ministers, we are looking for your ministerial report each month. If you are preaching, working at secular work, or not doing either, we want you to report promptly each month. On the state overseer's books each minister has an individual page which shows just as your report shows. If you fail to fill out the report or fail to send in any report, there is your record. If you are working at secular work, be sure to pay tithes where your membership is. Remember the ruling relative to the aged ministers' fund, page 106 of the new Minutes, states that if our remuneration from ALL sources equals \$50.00 per month or more we are

to pay one per cent of our income to this fund and send in with our report to Headquarters each month. Some pay only on what they receive from the ministry, but the Minutes read from ALL sources. Let us stand by the rulings of the Assembly. One day, if the Lord tarries, you and I will be old and need some assistance. We are counting on you to be loyal.

Church clerks, see that your reports are mailed each month. Don't let your church miss the "honor roll" by your negligence. At this writing, which is the 12th, about 80% of our churches have reported to the state overseer, while near 90% of the ministers have reported. Come on, let's get up to that 100% mark and hold it there. Only about 38% of the churches have reported to the state secretary and treasurer with the 5% mission quota. You remember it is a ruling of the Assembly that we pay this mission money. Pastors, we are depending on you to see that it is raised and half of it sent to Headquarters and the other half to the state secretary and treasurer, L. H. Aultman, Box 42, Powderly, Ala. When sending money, please state what it is for and from what church. There is a record kept of all money sent in for your information at the state convention, as well as it being a business matter.

About 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the churches have responded to the state parsonage proposition, and about 14% of the pastors have responded. The holidays are over and we are looking for a good response from churches and ministers.

Sunday School and Y. P. E. secretaries, please send your report to the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, T. G. Pearson, promptly each month by the 5th, to get on the "honor roll." Send him the money that belongs to him so he can pay his bills each month. When you don't report you cut off his support.

We don't lack very many Evangel subscriptions having enough to get a state paper printed free, so get as many subscriptions as you can right now and send them in. When the state paper is printed free, every Evangel subscriber in Alabama will get a state paper once each month free. We are workers together with God.

Tune in on Birmingham, Decatur, Huntsville and Mobile as we have radio programs from each of these cities.—H. L. Chesser, Box 3, Pratt City, Ala.

WANTED—To buy: A used tent of about 500 seating capacity. Communicate with Gilbert Geren, c/o Church of God Publishing House, Cleveland, Tenn.

In answer to those writing me concerning my books, I have no more for sale.—John E. Douglas, Box 222, Jal, N. Mex. (Continued on page 11)

# Politics Versus Love

P. D. HOGGATT

Text: Dan. 8:25, "And through his policy also he shall cause CRAFT to prosper in HIS hand; and he shall magnify HIMSELF in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."

## POLITICS

is the method to be used in bringing the "man of sin" to his seat of power, and I believe the Scriptures will bear me out in stating that politics is one of the weapons used by Satan in all the ages in combating love.

## BEHOLD THE POLITIC-ER

(Note: I use this adulteration to differentiate between the politician of governments and the one used in this article.)

Politic-ing had its origin before man was created, it seems. I believe that Lucifer decided that God had departed from the Way in proclaiming that the Word (Jesus) should become King and that every knee should bow to Him and planned to pull out and establish the true (?), which was the exaltation of himself. He must have gone from angel to angel politic-ing, saying that he would take over things. Isa. 14:13, 14.

He won a third of the angels over on his side (Rev. 12:4) and started up in opposition to God. Copy-cattening every thing that God does he builds a system to seduce all, from being filled with wine wherein is excess, to his church trinity and defication of sin. The final wind-up will be the lake of fire.

## THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS

Numbers, the 12th chapter, records the case of a man and woman politic-ing among the brethren, boasting that they were as great as their leader. The results of this getting of heads together was that the Church journeyed not for seven days until the leprosy member was healed.

The sixteenth chapter of Numbers tells us of the opening of the earth to swallow three whole families, and of a plague in the Church which killed fourteen thousand and seven hundred souls, all because of three politic-ers who sowed discord among the brethren against the man in the office they themselves coveted.

## IN THE DAYS OF THE KINGS

there were many examples of the harmful effects of the politic-er, only one of which we will use; found in 2 Sam. 15, 16, 17 and 18 chapters.

The man Absalom, who wanted to be king, prepared himself with all the pomp of the time and stood in the gate where he could politic all that came to Jerusa-

lem. He even went so far as to kiss them in his lust for self-glory.

The results of this scheme was the dividing of the kingdom, the dethroning of God's king, and the loss of twenty thousand men in battle, the politic-er himself dying in a tree caught by his own shame. 2 Sam. 14:26; 1 Cor. 11:14.

## IN THE EARLY CHURCH

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were caught in the snare and politicized for the right and left hand which caused the others to be much displeased.

The politic-er can be seen in the action of Simon the sorcerer for he tried to merchandise the gift of the Holy Ghost. Remorse and bitterness was his pay.

The politic-ers were at work in the Corinthian church in Paul's time and the results of their efforts were seen in envy, strife and divisions. 1 Cor. 3.

## AND THERE ARE

those politic-ers who gain the limelight through their policy, raising themselves to chief seats by their magisterialness. Luke 14:7-11. I believe Diotrophes should be placed in this class, 3 John 9:10, as well as Balaam, the son of Beor, who had his eyes on the gains of this world, Num. 22:17. The penalty for this type of politic-er is humiliation, shame, and death.

## THAT

the Church would continue to be prayed upon by the politic-er was seen by the Apostle Paul, Acts 20:29, 30, and the results would be the devouring of souls, sedition and divisions.

We need only to visit various fields of Christendom today to see the effects of the politic-er's work; souls that are bleeding, saints that are in confusion, soft hearts that have become hardened, and many that are bruised in the mausoleums of sin.

## LOVE

gives no place to such methods but has as its motto, "IN HONOR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER."

## FOR

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son who being in the form of God made Himself of no reputation and took upon Him the form of a servant that He might be Chief of all. John 3:16; Phil. 2:5-11; Mark 10:44, 45.

RODERFIELD, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. He is so good to us. We praise Him because we feel the church is going over the top this year. We are glad we have gone over the top with our aged ministers' quota (Dec. 11).—Maude Rose, clerk.

## God Has Healed Me and I Know He Loves the Church

BUFORD, Ga.—Thank God for salvation. I praise Jesus for all of His goodness to me, but one thing I especially praise Him for is His mighty power to heal. A little over five years ago I suffered terribly with kidney stones. After the doctor said I must go to the hospital and be operated on I sent for several of the dear brothers and sisters. After nearly all of them had left I just stepped out by faith and claiming His promise I gradually grew stronger and instead of getting ready to go to the hospital I got ready and went to church to an all-day meeting. I did not get completely healed of kidney stones at the time for just a few months later I had another spell. The suffering was so terrible until I couldn't bear the ticking of the clock in the room nor hardly any light. I was trusting God completely this time. I got as willing to die as I was to live, in fact I asked God to take me away if He wasn't going to heal me. I finally gave up for the doctor to come. While my brother went for the doctor we began to pray. The great and mighty healing power came down, touched my poor pain-racked body and in less than a moment raised me up. We were all shouting the blessed victory when the doctor came. I have never been bothered with kidney stones since. Just before this last Assembly I had a real bad spell. The doctor said I must go to the hospital and have the radium treatment as I had a touch of cancer. I still knew God could heal and I didn't want to go to the hospital. I finally got better. I renewed my covenant with God and promised Him if He would heal me I would testify of it. I praise and thank Him for so wonderfully touching my body and making me able to be up and do my housework again. Praise His name! I do not feel that I have complete victory over this but I do know my blessed Savior can heal cancers, tumors and all diseases. I love Him and want to serve Him and do whatever He wants me to do. Jesus has done so many things for us. He healed one of our little girls of diphtheria. He has healed our children at different times of different things. I give all the praise to Him who is worthy. Pray that my faith may be strengthened.—Mrs. Noah Ridgeway, Rt. 1.

I can report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. Brother Rigby and I prayed for a sick man and he was healed, which proves God can heal. Pray for him to stay in the faith. Thank God for the good Evangel. If any sister or brother has any old Evangel, please send them to me. Pray for me; I have it hard but God will provide.—Sister Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk Island, B. W. I.



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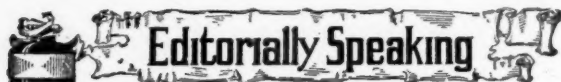
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**Seeing Red** FOR the past few years much ado has been made over communism in America. A great many books have been written exposing various college fraternities, political clubs, and even religious orders, as being communistic in their tendencies. Many editors have played quite extensively on the aspect of communism in this country, inasmuch that many of them have been accused of seeing red. It may be that there has been a great deal more surmising about the magnitude of communism in our country than actually exists, and some of the books that have been written are perhaps radical in their accusations as well as extreme in their interpretation, but after viewing it from every angle, it must be admitted that if communism is not as strong in America as it has been alleged, that there does exist plenty of the doctrine.

The late meeting of the American Students Union, an organization of socially-conscious students, which has a membership of approximately 20,000 at one hundred and fifty colleges and universities, has dispelled any doubt as to the tendency and leanings of that organization. After a four-day convention the four hundred delegates, according to the Pathfinder, left behind them evidence to show that if they were not communistic they were at least communist sympathizers. The issue of communism came to a head, it is said, over a resolution on the war between Russia and Finland. The communistic-minded wished to pass the resolution ignoring the Russo-Finnish war. The resolution was supposed to be one of peace. All this goes to show that communism is not bred in illiteracy, that many of those who are supposed to have had the greatest of literary opportunities have become communistic-minded.

These things bring the suggestion that the Christian should live closer to God and let His light shine brighter than ever before for the religion of Christ and of our God is more powerful than that of the Antichrist, and its adherents must hold tenaciously to it, not only by way of profession but also by precept and example.

### Light In Darkness

ATTENTION is called to a recent editorial in the Pathfinder entitled "The Time Is Here," in which the editor quotes the Biblical reference, "The light shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not." In these days of spiritual darkness there could be no more applicable scripture and none more vividly shown forth than the one quoted. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." The Psalmist David said, "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my pathway." So Jesus as the Word has come down through the ages (dark ages) as a mighty shining light to brighten the way for honest, hungry hearts who do not wish to be enveloped in the darkness of the age. Even in those dark ages when a perverted church was so intolerant that it burned at the stake or placed on the grate those who did not agree with its tactics, there was a true light that shined out brightly. Time and again the enemy has tried to destroy the Word of God but that light has been preserved and has shined forth to illuminate the minds of men and satisfy the hearts of believers around the entire globe.

It is said that the Greek word for "comprehend" is better translated "extinguish" and that Goodspeed's Translation recognizes this rendering. In this light our scripture would read, "The light shineth in darkness and the darkness extinguishes it not," and thus it is true that in an age of science and in an age of communism and nazism and idealism that the Word of God still shines forth and none of those things which have been formed as weapons against it have been able to extinguish it.

### Christian America

ASTOUNDING is the news that in this wonderful Christian country of ours, where men are supposed to be superior in the service of God to most any other nation, that Americans are estimated by some authority to wager the enormous sum of \$7,000,000,000 each year. If we could think of this as being confined to the gambling houses that are advertised as such, the numbers racket, slot machines, card games, race tracks, etc., it would not be so alarming. It also, we find, includes raffles, religious parties, and church bingo games.

Your Editor was in a large city not so long ago and saw in front of many of the churches a large sign, BINGO PARTY EACH FRIDAY NIGHT. These churches raise their church finance with gambling parties, here in Christian America. When churches lower the standard of

morals and go into the gaming and racketeering business side by side with the roadhouse, one cannot expect their religion long to be respected, nor can they expect such churches to contribute to the moral or religious uplift of the country.

It is time for the Church of God to raise the blood-washed banner of Immanuel and lift up a standard for the people and declare itself against spiritual racketeering as well as political and business racketeering. There is only one salvation for America. That salvation is the same that will save any nation,—the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Editor's attention was recently called to this parody on Ecclesiastes twelve. It may be of benefit to some of our readers: "Begin now to tithe in the days of thy youth while the stingy days come not, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in it."

*Just where you stand in the conflict,  
There is your place.  
Just where you think you are useless,  
Hide not your face.  
God placed you there for a purpose,  
Whate'er it be;  
Think He has chosen you for it;  
Work loyally.  
Gird on your armor! Be faithful  
At toil or rest!  
Whate'er it be, never doubting  
God's way is best.  
Out in the fight or on picket,  
Stand firm and true;  
This is the work which your Master  
Gives you to do.*

—Selected.

# Will The Church Go Through The Tribulation?

BY JOSEPH TERLIZZI

(Continued from Jan. 13 issue)

MUCH discussion has been made as to whether or not the Church will go through the great tribulation. There are three theories as to when the Church will be raptured.

1. One theory held by a goodly number of prophetic students is: the Church will be raptured just before Antichrist takes his seat of authority, basing their doctrine on the passage found in 2 Thess. 2:7, 8, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."

That is, the Church will see nothing of the Antichrist reign or kingdom.

2. The second theory is: the Church will go through part of the tribulation period,—the first half of the week of years of the beast's kingdom, but not the latter half. Thus the Church will escape the cruelty of the Antichrist manifested during the latter half of his reign, based upon the scripture found in Rev. 3:10, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience (hope of His coming), I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world to try them that dwell upon the earth."

The hour referred to in verse 10, is the time of Antichrist fury against both the Jews and nominal Christians, when he shall exercise supreme power over the Revived Roman Empire or United States of Europe. Rev. 17:12, 13.

3. The third theory is: the Church will go through all the entire period of the seven years of tribulation, thus suffering the full fury of the dragon, or Satan, together with the Jews. Matt. 24:29, 30, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken, And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Also Rev. 20:4 and 7:14, "And I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands: and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. . . . These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

These tribulation saints will not go through the season of judgments recorded

in Revelation, 16th chapter, but will be resurrected and translated just before the battle of Armageddon, when the vials of God's wrath will be emptied upon the Antichristian kingdom. Thus these saints will suffer under the Antichrist, but not suffer the judgments of God meant for the Antichristian world. They will suffer martyrdom under the Man of Sin, hunger, thirst, persecutions, heat, pain, and death. These tribulation saints represent the great company of Christians who have failed to meet prerequisites for translation before the revelation of the Antichrist.

I believe that the overcomers of this Church age will be raptured before the tribulation, even before the Antichrist is revealed. I base my conviction on the words of Jesus when He said in Luke 21:36, "Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be counted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and stand before the Son of man." In Mark 13:33-37, "What I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch." That means also the ones living in the closing days of this dispensation.

## TWO GROUPS OF BELIEVERS

In Revelation we have two groups of saints. One sitting on the throne with Jesus. Rev. 3:21, "To him that overcometh, I will grant to sit on my throne." Second, "Multitudes standing before the throne with palm branches in their hands," Rev. 7:14, 15; 20:4.

## PREREQUISITES FOR TRANSLATION

First, "OCCUPY till I come," Luke 19:13.

OCCUPY means to work and to keep busy till the Lord comes. Jesus did not mean that you should have an easy, care-free life after you become a Christian. You MUST work. Work in the interest of the Church; visit the sick; help the poor; let your money work by giving it in tithes and offerings, work by exercising the talents that you have, and work for the salvation of lost souls. 2 Cor. 6:1, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

Second, PREPARE for His coming. Rev. 19:7; 1 John 3:3, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath MADE herself ready." "And every man that hath this hope in him PURIFIETH himself, even as he is pure."

We know that Christ's coming is near at hand, therefore, we should take an account of ourselves and see if we measure up to the standard God has set for us. We must be pure, clean, undefiled before

God, without spot or wrinkle. 2 Cor. 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Also, Rev. 22:11, 12; Eph. 5:25-27. We are overcomers through faith. 1 John 5:4.

Third, LOOK for Him. Heb. 9:28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that LOOK for him shall he appear the second time, without sin, unto salvation."

Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then LOOK UP and lift UP your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," Luke 21:36.

If we are ready and prepared to go with Jesus when He returns, we will have no fear but we will look with happy anticipation for that day to come. Let us watch and be ready. With our gaze upward let us keep our eyes on Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Somewhere I have heard this story. A king was in the forest hunting and lost his way. Night came on, and during the midnight hours, he found his way to a cabin of a poor old man. He knocked at the door and asked for shelter, and the old man gave him food for his body and placed him in his only bed for the night. While the stranger was sleeping the little old man was drying his clothes that had been soaked in the dew, and darning them where they were torn by the thorns. The next morning he fed the stranger again and set him on the road that led him to the city. A few days after the old man walked off to the city. Standing on the street he noticed a celebration was being held in honor of the king. People had gathered from far and near into the city to see their sovereign. While the king's chariot was being driven down the street, whom should he see but the little old man who had entertained and befriended him a few nights before. The king stopped the chariot, and walked over to the old man and put his arms about him and lifted him into his chariot, and said, "The other night when I was lost in the forest, you gave me shelter and the best of food your poverty could supply, today you are to be the king's honored guest and shall eat the best my kingdom can supply."

It seems to me I can hear the rumbling of the chariot wheels of the King of glory drawing nearer and nearer. It will not be long, by all indications, and the chariot of glory will halt just long enough

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**Sunday, January 28**

*"Rooted and built up."*

Read Col. 2:6, 7.

It was a very cold, dismal day but the tile pipe that carried the waste water had become clogged and a plumber was called on the job. "What is it that stops these pipes so often?" I asked. The plumber replied, "It is the roots of the trees. We do not have to unstop them in summer but while the trees seem to be dormant in the cold wintry months is when the roots are growing." So it is with the children of God; in the coldest, darkest time they may be rooting the deepest in God's love and God's Word to be able to have an outward growth in the more inviting circumstances and conditions.

**Monday, January 29**

*"He is our peace."*

Read Eph. 2:13, 14.

Before the time of Christ a massive and unsurmountable wall had been erected between the Jew and the Gentile. This wall was one of envy, jealousy, and hatred. But now in Christ, we are told, those who were sometimes afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, and through that Christ there is a peace between Jew and Gentile. Christianity brings a like peace between all people.

**Tuesday, January 30**

*"Thanks be unto God."*

Read 2 Cor. 2:14, 15.

An Irishman who had been attending a revival and had become converted returned to his work. He was very happy indeed and was constantly saying, "Praise God," "Praise the Lord," "Thanks be unto God," etc. There was an infidel working in the same shop. The praises of God pouring forth from the lips of the Irishman continually annoyed him, so one day he raised up his head just as the Irishman was praising the Lord and said, "Hurrah for hell." "That's right, that's right," said the Irishman, "every man for his own country." The Irishman had given his heart to God, was on the road to heaven, and was proud of it.

**Wednesday, January 31**

*"Men ought always to pray."*

Read Luke 18:1.

Tammerlane used to relate to his friends an anecdote of his early life. "I once," he said, "was forced to take shelter from my enemies in a ruined building where I sat alone many hours. Desiring to divert my mind from my hopeless condition, I fixed my eyes on an ant that was carrying a grain of corn larger than itself up a high wall. I numbered the efforts that it made to accomplish this object. The grain fell sixty-nine times to the ground but the insect persevered and the seventieth time it reached the top. This incident gave me courage at the moment and I never forgot the lesson.

**Thursday, February 1**

*"A broken spirit."*

Read Psa. 51:16, 17.

A talented young lady who had been complimented very much as a singer was given an audition by one of the producers. At the time the producer had a friend visiting him who sat with him in the audition. After it was all over the friend said, "I presume that you gave her a contract. I think she has the most wonderful voice I ever listened to." "No, I did not," said the producer. "That lady would have a wonderful voice if someone would break her heart but she lacks that something in her voice that can only be obtained by her heart being broken." God desires a broken and contrite heart.

**Friday, February 2**

*"He goeth before them."*

Read St. John 10:1-8.

As the sun was sinking to rest I stood at the western gate of the old town of Balbec and watched the shepherds as they brought in their flocks from the plain of Coel-syria. Each of them was playing a quaint tune on his reed and a flock of sheep was following him. When they all came in the gate it seemed that the sheep would get mixed up and lose their shepherd but I watched them and they did not but each one as the shepherd turned off followed after its master. The whole performance was perfect except one lone fellow who became separated and ran up and down the streets bleating. He was a goat.

**Saturday, February 3**

*"Able to deliver thee."*

Read Dan. 6:19-23

In the pioneer days of Kentucky missionary work among the Indians, a minister was making a long trip through the  
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## Question Box

**Question:** Please explain verses 29 and 40 of the 24th chapter of St. Matthew.—  
C. L. F.

**Answer:** The 24th chapter of St. Matthew, the Book of Daniel, and the Revelation, all give a series of pictures of the latter days and what will transpire. Several complete panoramas are given in each of these. It does not necessarily mean, because of the location of any specific verse, that it appears later or earlier than some other passage which appears before or after it. In verse 29, the tribulation spoken of is the incursion of the wrath of the Antichrist. Those things which follow are a visitation of the wrath of God on the Antichrist and his followers and was given because of anti-Christian and anti-God activities. It is at the end of this that Christ comes to His kingdom. Verse 40 has reference to the rapture.

**Question:** Who was Melchizedek?—  
S. C. E.

**Answer:** This question is answered in the Question Box of the December 16 issue of the Evangel.

**Question:** I have been told there were people in the world before Adam and Eve. Does Gen. 1:27 refer to Adam and Eve?—  
Mrs. T. D.

**Answer:** December 16 issue of the Evangel carries an answer to this question also.

**Question:** How can you call the 16th chapter of Luke, 19th and 20th verses, a parable when it says so positively that there was a certain rich man and there was a certain beggar?—  
B. F. W.

**Answer:** There was quite a bit more to this letter, which we do not print, and since there have been some other inquiries on the answer to the question relative to the rich man and Lazarus, we feel that possibly it is best for us to make ourselves a little clearer; however, we will not use this column as a column of debate and if those writing to it will sign their names and give their addresses, we will be glad to take up any controversial matter with them personally.

Here we give you a few of the reasons for believing that the story of the rich man and Lazarus was a parable. In the first place, the word "parable" comes from the Greek word "parabole" which means a placing beside, it is, therefore, the placing of one subject by another as an illustration. It might have been a true happening and still could have been a parable. It is especially used for the illus-  
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# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## Letter From Bermuda

Hamilton, Bermuda  
January 13, 1940.

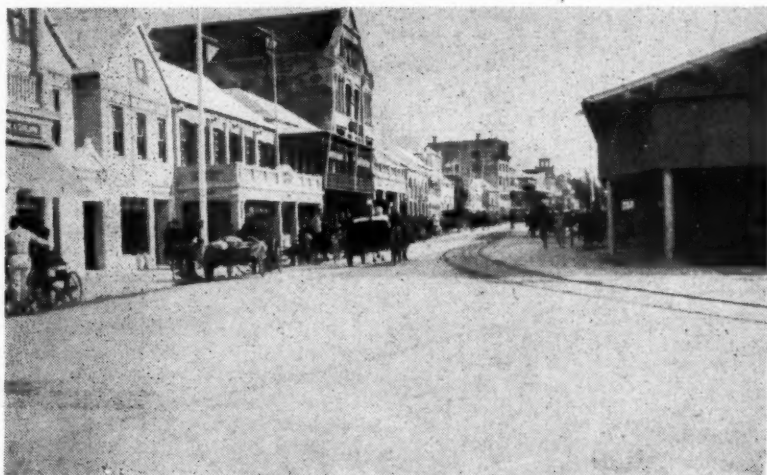
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Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Simmons:

Just a few lines as we are sending this little writing to the Evangel. You may use it if you want to. We are having some

good meetings in the parish of Warwick, Bermuda. Large crowds are coming to our meetings.

We will give you a full report of our Warwick work just as soon as we can get something sure going there. God is surely blessing now.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Hughes.



This is a picture of one of our main streets in Hamilton, Bermuda; namely, Front Street. As you look at the picture you will notice a vast difference between our Bermuda streets and the streets in the United States. It is just to the right of this picture that the steamship company docks its large boats to load and unload its freight and passengers. You will not see any automobiles as they are not used in Bermuda. You will notice on this street that there are many carriages being pulled by horses. These friendly colored drivers are waiting for the boat to bring American visitors to Bermuda. When the boat comes in they are kept busy for a while taking our visitors to different parts of the islands. Then their work ends till another boat comes in.

You will notice that there are many bicycles along this street. Bicycles are our main means of transportation here in Bermuda. Almost everybody here rides a bicycle. It would be hard to get anywhere in Bermuda without riding a bicycle, so it was only a few hours after we were in Bermuda until we (Sister Hughes and I) had us a bicycle apiece and were able to travel on the beautiful roads of Bermuda. Our bicycles have made it possible for us to go into almost every part of these islands to tell these people about Jesus and the plan of salvation. By the time we ride six or eight miles to service on our bikes, we surely are tired, but when these Bermuda people begin to sing the songs of Zion the Spirit of the Lord renews our strength and we can ride back much better.

In every part of Bermuda there is a need for God to save, sanctify, fill with the Holy Ghost and establish His Church.—Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes.

### A HIDING PLACE

Text: "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land," Isa. 32:2.

This verse of scripture has been encour-

agement and strength to us many times because of its promises. It is true that the lesson in the previous chapter gives us light on this text, how that the kingdom of Judah was threatened by the Assyrian army, and that old king Hezekiah was standing in great danger from Sennache-

rib, and that Sennacherib was defeated and returned to his own land. But along with this and with many other things that the Lord has done for us today, we must say that "The hand of the Lord has done this." Now the text tells us that Isaiah looked into the future and saw how Judah would be delivered, and how the king should reign in righteousness and the princes should rule in judgment. But glory be to God, I am glad that we have this fulfilled in our day, "A man shall be as an hiding place." The Lord Jesus is our hiding place regardless of where we may be. The Lord is the only place for the Church of God to hide in these dangerous times. God's people have found every part of the text to be true in this country (Bermuda) and not only here but everywhere.

As we look into the text we find that the prophet has given us four distresses: 1. The wind. 2. The tempest. 3. The drought. 4. The heat.

1. "The wind." "A hiding place from the wind." In the month of November, 1939, the people of Bermuda were able to know just what a windstorm was, as the wind began to blow the tops out of the beautiful trees and the people were not able to be out at times because of the stormy winds. It seemed for a while that it was going to destroy these beautiful islands but, no doubt, because of God's promise to His people (and it is sure that God has some precious people in these islands) He put forth His hand and stopped the winds. Then was fulfilled "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind." A true man is one who defends and shelters those who are storm-tossed from the exposed places on the plains of human life. There are fierce and frivolous winds sweeping across our land today and many souls are being upturned and overthrown from their spiritual foundation just because they are not close to Him who can hide them from the wind. We think of many of our brethren who are swept by the cruel winds of the devil, and then we see how the true man is one who, when he finds such, goes and stands by the side of this one and hides or turns the winds in another direction, thus that man is a hiding place.

2. "The Tempest." "A covert from the tempest." "Tempest" means "a sudden flood of rain." Here in Bermuda the rain is sudden. You never know when it is

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# LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

## *An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy*

*"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.*

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

An Associated Press dispatch from Santa Clara, California, tells us that "Dr. Albert J. Newlin, director of the observatory of Santa Clara University, reported today the spots which appeared on the sun yesterday (Jan. 6, 1940) were the most astounding he had seen in thirty years of daily observation . . . the spots were so large that they were visible to the naked eye through haze in St. Louis." Let no one be amazed at what they see in the heavens these days, as the words of the Lord must and will be fulfilled. He said there "would be signs in the heavens." WHEN? IN THE LAST DAYS.

The papers inform us that again an earthquake was felt in this country. "A midnight shaking-up frightened a number of Southern California residents, especially in the area near Compton, but the tremor caused no damage. The brief but sharp earth jar was felt here at 11:48 o'clock last night." I especially mention the frequency of earthquakes because they were one of the principal signs mentioned by the Lord Himself in discussing the events of the last days. The article was dated Jan. 13, 1940.

The following is from COLLIERS, the National Weekly: "Although movies are banned on Sundays in hundreds of towns and cities, Sunday audiences account for one-quarter of the total weekly income of American movie theatres." Not only lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God but utilizing the day He set aside for Himself to satisfy their lust for worldliness. A very important leaf on God's Fig Tree.

Many newspapers of late weeks are carrying an advertisement of a man advertising another new cult. The "ads" are headed with a question: "DO WE HAVE TO DIE?" The "ad" tells us that "A strange man in Los Angeles, known as the 'voice of two worlds,' reveals the story of a remarkable system that often leads to almost unbelievable improvement in the power of mind, achievement of brilliant business and professional success and new happiness. The man, a well-known explorer and geographer, tells how he found these strange methods in far-off

and mysterious Tibet. . . . He discloses how he learned rare wisdom and long-hidden practices closely guarded for 3,000 years by the sages which enabled many to perform amazing feats. . . . To that eternal question, "Do We Have To Die?" his answer is astounding, etc. Well, many people will fall for that line of so-called occultism, hook, line and sinker. God has the answer, "IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MAN ONCE TO DIE." However, he will have his followers because "MANY WILL GIVE HEED TO SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS." WHEN? "IN THE LAST DAYS."

"A little more than fifty years ago, the United States had no country clubs. Today we have almost 4,800 with about six hundred thousand members, whose expenditures for dues, fees, liquor and food approaches \$400,000,000 a year." The above quotation was culled from the current issue of COLLIERS. The amount spent in so-called good times by the rich and affluent would carry the "gospel of the kingdom" to the uttermost parts of the earth. However, "Evil men and seducers wax worse and worse."

The week of January 6-13 saw the bishops and leaders of the great United Methodist church convening at Charlotte, N. C. for a huge missionary rally. The following excerpts from some of the addresses are very timely and worthy of our consideration as bearing upon the signs of the times: Said 70-year-old Bishop Blake, "No generation in the world's history has faced a darker day than this present generation. Unless we can find some way of stopping this damnable business of war, civilization is going down, Christianity has lost. We have just closed the most desperate decade in our history and the end is not yet." Said Bishop Wade, the Missionary Bishop, "As to the German Methodists, I do know of something of those good people. They are most terribly misled. They have no newspapers that give them the truth, no radios. They know nothing of what is really happening." As to Russia, the Bishop declared, "Conditions in Russia are terrible, as they have been for a long time now. We don't hear much of Russia over here because it's an old story now.

There is no church there. For a long time I hoped that the Methodist church would be able to stay open, and, as a matter of fact, the government never said 'close your church doors.' To close the churches the government taxes the people who belong. One man told me that his pastor's wages were 480 rubles a year. The government taxed him 500 rubles a year, more than his salary. 'What can you do?' I asked the man. 'Nothing,' he replied, 'except to raise the money, or else it is Siberia (PRISON) for the preacher.' So, the church closed its doors."

Yes, the Antichrist is opposed to the church. What should Holy Ghost people expect in these evil days? The darker the hour the greater the cause for rejoicing.

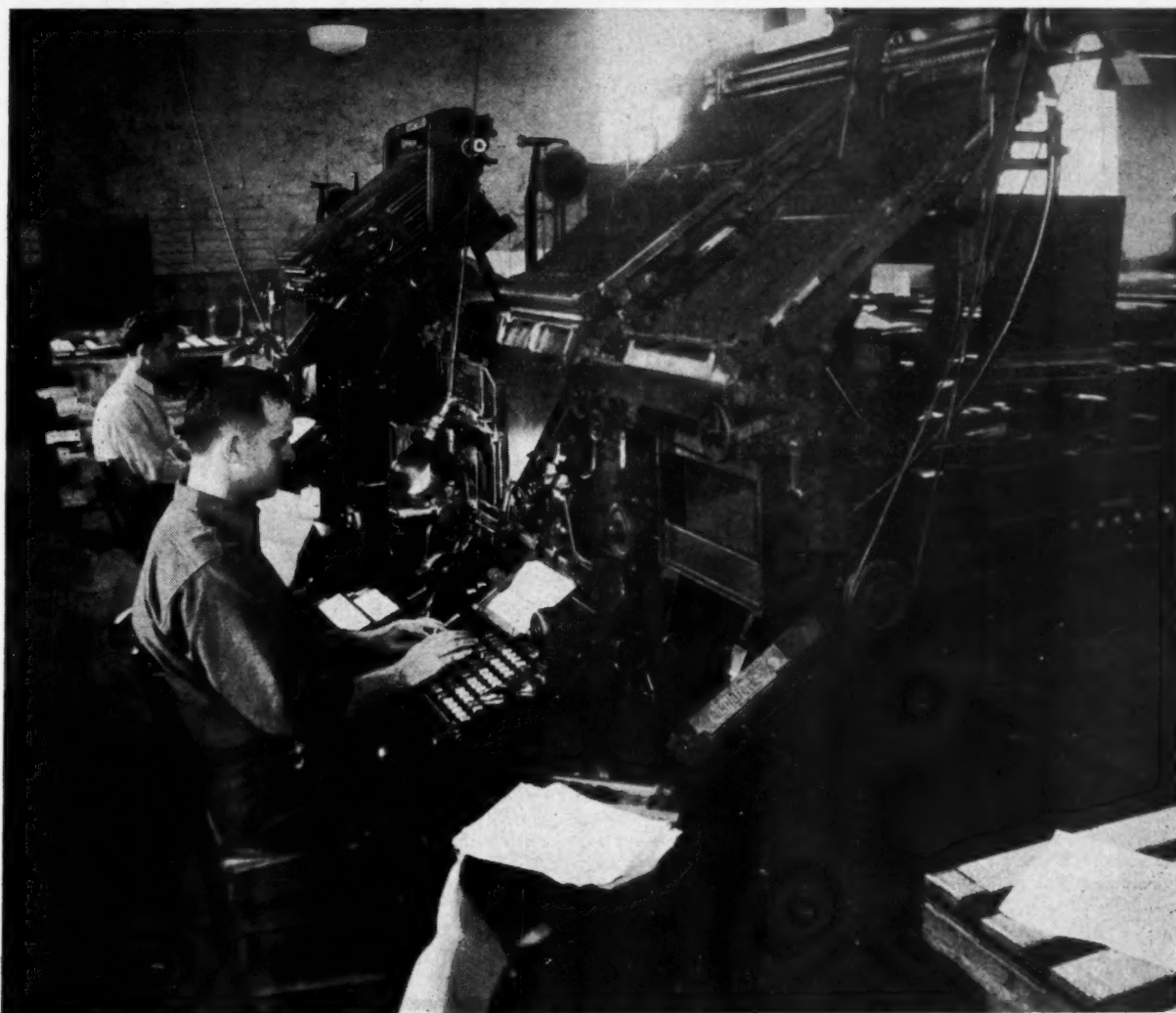
The Charlotte (N. C.) Observer of January 14 carries the following news from Berlin, Germany: "Germany's Jews, already subjected to extensive restrictions, have received another shock in calling for ration cards for the period of Jan. 15 to Feb. 11. They found that coupons for a total of four and one-half ounces of meat and all coupons for podded vegetables such as beans and peas, were no good so far as the Jews were concerned. They were also denied other ration cards extended to other Germans. No longer can they purchase sweets. . . . They must have the letter 'J' stamped on their cards so the grocer can discriminate against them. . . . Poultry and fish are also denied them. . . . Jews must do all their trading between noon and 2 o'clock, others can trade at any time. Every German must have a clothing card but Jews are not allowed to have them. . . . Jews are required to stay indoors after 8 o'clock each night. . . . It has been pointed out that the regime knows the status of every Jew, has seized virtually all Jewish wealth and has but one more interest, therefore; namely, to get the Jew out of the country."

The advance guard of the Jews are already in the homeland. Shortly after the revelation of the Antichrist the Jews will all head for the Palestinian country. The cruelty of the present will force the Jew, in desperation, to arrive at a covenant with the Antichrist, whose spirit is caus-

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## AT THE CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE



### Linotype Operators at Work

After material for printing has been transcribed and corrected, it is taken to the Linotype operators to be set up. These men operate machines that set a line of type at a time. On the side of the machine is a long bar of Linotype metal which is suspended in a melting pot heated by electricity. On the front of the machine is a keyboard similar to that of a typewriter. The operators spell out on these keys the compositions that they wish to set up. The touch of each key releases a character (or letter) indented in a piece of brass called a matrix, forms a line and is carried on a carriage before a slot through which a plunger presses a slug of metal from the melting pot and forms a line of type made against the matrices which have just been carried to the slot. As soon as the slug upon which the line of type is formed is completed a large bar

reaches over and takes the matrices and distributes them back in the magazines from which they came, every one in its proper place.

To watch one of these machines is a very beautiful sight. It makes one think of a process through which the child of God may go in order to be a real publisher of the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He must first be placed into the Lord's melting pot and then squeezed out through a divine process and imprinted with the message of God on his heart, that he may be able to transfer it to the lives of thousands of others.

The operator at the far machine is J. D. Hyberger who has been an employee of the Church of God Publishing House for nineteen years. He received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the old Church of

God Publishing House the first year he worked for the Church. Through these nineteen years of service he has almost become a part of the institution, spiritually as well as an efficient operator. He is, and has been for many years, one of the deacons of the local Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee, and his Christian character as well as his efficiency is unimpeachable.

The operator at the front machine is J. P. Baldree who has been in the employment of the Publishing House for six years. Brother Baldree is also a member of the Church of God and had the experience of the Baptism when he came to Cleveland. He came from South Georgia where he had been working as a Linotype operator for some time before.

It is with these machines that these

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## BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

**BOWLING GREEN, Fla.**—The Church of God at Bowling Green, Fla. held an outstanding watch night service. The program consisted of special music rendered by our own string band. (Just a word of appreciation in behalf of this band. It has been organized and trained by our much loved pastor and wife, Brother and Sister W. I. Bass, and includes about twenty-seven students with a variety of instruments.) The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were with us from the beginning. A testimony service of praises to God and many New Year's resolutions were made. A number of unusual features, consisting of special singing and communion service and feet washing, were enjoyed by all. The church here certainly appreciates Brother and Sister Bass. We feel that God surely sent them our way.—Norene Wallace.

**ERWIN, Tenn.**—The Lord has been putting His approval on the meetings here by sending the Holy Ghost down in our midst, making the saints rejoice and shout the high praise of God. Two who had been away from the Lord came to the altar and one testified how God had blessed him. We still have a good Sunday School through this bad weather. We have been having around ninety to one hundred in attendance. Our Y. P. E. is doing nicely. We have just lost the state banner to Soddy but there is coming another day when it will have to come back. Pray for God's work here and that many souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—Homer Johnson, pastor, Rt. 1.

### Youngstown, Ohio District Meeting

On New Year's night the Youngstown district met at the East Liverpool church for a Sunday School rally. Song service was led by the district pastor, Brother J. A. Lewis. Gertrude Metcalf, our leader, gave the welcome address. Special singing was a feature of the evening; the numbers rendered by the Warren choir were enjoyed by all.

Brother Puckett, our district superintendent, was at his best, encouraging the Sunday Schools to press forward for God. A spirit of unity prevailed among the Sunday School superintendents as they talked, whether they had lost or gained. Sister Frances Robinson represented East Liverpool; Brother Lutz, Struthers, and Sister Eileen Leatherberry, Warren. Sister Metcalf presented the banner to the Hammondsville Sunday School. The closing talk was made by Brother Lewis. God blessed as he spoke. Although the weather was near zero and large snowflakes were

falling, each Sunday School was well represented, some driving a distance of seventy miles. This rally will be long remembered by all. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people. This is just a new work but the Lord surely is blessing. Pray for the complete healing of Sister Metcalf.—Ora Wagner.

We came to the New Summit Church of God Christmas day and were glad to find a hearty welcome and a wonderful cooperation in the church. On Dec. 30 we were glad to have with us Brothers Ledbetter and Justice of Benton, Ark., and Brother and Sister Johnson and boys of Little Rock. We enjoyed the special music and songs rendered by the Johnson family. On Sunday night, Dec. 31, we were privileged to have our good state overseer, Brother Wilma Henry, and family. Brother Henry brought the message to us in a wonderful way. We had a good experience and testimony meeting.

There were thirty-two faithful ones who watched the old year out and the New Year in. At the birth of the New Year we arose from prayer and sang from the depth of our hearts, "Jesus, Hold My Hand." We ask each saint to hold us up before our heavenly King in prayer. The Y. P. E., we believe, is one of the best in the state and the L. W. W. B. is doing a good work, but it is not to be wondered at when you know the capable leaders. Always pray for the church at New Summit.—Golden Griffin, pastor, Rt. 1, Bauxite, Ark.

**COLUMBIA, Tenn.**—I praise the Lord for old time salvation. I praise Him for His healing power; He healed me of flu and lumbago. Praise God for answering prayer, He gave us a church in Columbia. (Continued on page 11)

## REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

### PRAY FOR:

The Lord to help my son who is trying to quit a habit and save him; the Lord to heal my other son and save his soul; my brothers to get saved; mother to get sanctified; me to get closer to God; other requests.—Mrs. Paul Franklin, Rt. 2, Clarkesville, Ga.

The healing of Brother Charlie Taylor's baby.

The healing of my son who is threatened with T. B.; my daughter to be healed of a severe kidney trouble; a friend who is seriously ill to be healed and saved; my unsaved loved ones.—Gertude Pal-

mer, Nebo, Va.

Dear saints, I have been sick now for the past two years, not able to work and take care of my wife and six children. I suffered many things in spirit, soul and body I don't understand, but God knows all about it. He knows my heart is longing to be like Him in every way. I have had many prayers and many anointed cloths but still I am not completely healed. I am fully trusting God. Please pray with me that I will get the victory over the power of the devil and that God will put me on my feet once again to preach the gospel. Drop me a card or letter saying, I am praying for you and believing God will give complete victory.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for our baby, Edna Earl White, on Jan. 27, 1940 at 8:00 o'clock p. m. Eastern Standard Time. She will be four years old on this day and can't sit alone, crawl, walk or use her hands very much. She is a very bright child and can say a few words. She has been wonderfully blessed through prayer. Pray earnestly that God will completely heal Edna Earl. Pray for God to prepare a way for my husband to get out in the work for God as he feels it is his calling.—Mrs. J. C. White, Rt. 2, Box 147-G, Nicholls, Ga.

My daughter of Brockwell, Ark. to be healed of low blood pressure, lung trouble, kidney trouble and other afflictions; her son to be healed of epileptic fits; me to grow stronger in faith and that I may have good health. Please, please pray earnestly that their health may be restored. I will appreciate any literature of God's work.—Mrs. Susana Kidwell, c/o D. L. Jones, Rt. 2, Shamrock, Tex.

Unspoken request; me to have more faith and stand true.—Ola Wright, Ad-dison, Ala.

A friend to be healed who suffered blood poison from a rat bite and is in a very bad condition. Her address is Mrs. R. D. Anderson, Okeechobee, Fla.—Florida A. Smith, Arcadia, Fla.

God to bless us in our efforts to start a new work here at Cambridge, Md.—Pauline E. Judson (colored), 45 Washington St., Cambridge, Md.

My wife who has had the flu and is very weak and can't sleep.—C. A. James, Jasper, Tex.

Me to be healed of the flu.—Edd Burnham, Sevierville, Tenn.

Me to be healed of severe stomach trouble, a knot growing on my eye, my head and nervousness; God to strengthen my faith.—Delia Williams, 346 Bruce St., Mooresville, N. C.

The healing of my body of high blood pressure; unspoken request; my little grandson's ear to be healed.—Mrs. Leatha F. Hoffman, Rt. 2, Box 246, Charleston, W. Va.

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## Reports

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bia. Last summer Brother C. E. Richard came and held a revival and a church was set in order with ten members with Mrs. B. H. Clark as leader. We really appreciate Sister Clark; she puts her whole heart, soul and body in the work along with the faithful members.

We have a grand Sunday School, Y. P. E. and L. W. W. B. We have our aged ministers' quota up, also our Evangel quota. God is blessing in a great way. Last week two were saved and one sanctified.—Mrs. R. H. Martin, clerk, 300 N. High St.

MALLORY, W. Va. — Our watch night service surely was a blessing. Brother S. B. McCane, our pastor, preached on "The Baptism With the Holy Ghost." As he can really preach he did justice to that great subject. After that service was over he preached on "Sacrament and Feet Washing." After this message there were thirty-six who took the Lord's Supper and washed feet. A testimony meeting followed this service which lasted until 11:58. Then we all stood with uplifted hands and praised God. God really put His approval on this service for some time.—Rinda Ramey.

We are having a wonderful time at Piney Branch church. God's blessings are still falling and people are shouting the praises of God. We have our program partly over and intend to have all over the top soon. On Saturday night, Feb. 3, we are having sacrament meeting and feet washing. One and all are invited to attend. Let's go forward. We covet your prayers.—J. B. Hibbard, pastor, Piney Branch Church of God, East Bernstadt, Ky.

### BOOKLETS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD READ

"Tobacco and Its Effects," by Sam C. Perry. If you are interested in knowing the evil effects of this narcotic, you should read this book. Price, 15c.

"Bible Lessons for Children," by L. A. Richard. Every Sunday School and Junior Y.P.E. should be well provided with these books. Price, 10c each or \$6.00 a hundred.

"Simplified Bible Lessons for Children," by John C. Jernigan. Different from the little booklet by Richard, but very instructive and beneficial for the children. Price, 10c or \$6.00 a hundred.

"Baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Evidence," by Paul H. Walker. This is the best booklet on this subject I have ever read. Every church should order a hundred. Price, 5c each or \$2.00 a hundred.

"Tongues," a debate by Earl P. Paulk. Price, 10c.

"The Execution of Five Christians and One Infidel," by Paulk. Brother Paulk spent the last night of these men's lives with them and saw them die. Price, 25c.

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## YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

To all the Church of God saints of Nashville, Tennessee: We will have a regular place to worship soon. Let everybody pray that the Church of God will soon shine in the city of Nashville. God bless you all.—Your brother and district overseer, T. A. Richard.

EDITORIAL: When Jesus comes He will find a multitude of people ready and watching for His return. They will give Him a glad welcome and the scenes that will follow are indescribable except the short sketches given in the Bible. The resurrection of the dead saints and the catching up of the living will be extremely wonderful.

Bartley L. Hicks of Canton, N. C. reports victory in his soul and for a revival. Sister Dovie Williams, assisted by Sister Louise Warner, conducted the meeting. Three were saved, three sanctified, and three added to the Church of God. The sleepy saints were awakened. May the Lord continue to richly bless.

To all the members of the Church at Wimauma: Brother Zeno Tharp has been appointed as clerk and treasurer to succeed me. All who wish to send in tithes or other offerings may send them to him.—Yours in Him, John L. Hockett.

REPORT: I have just closed a six weeks' meeting at Norris City, Illinois. The Lord wonderfully worked. Three were saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Charles L. Taylor helped us in the meeting. The little church at this place needs the prayers of all the saints.—Your brother in the service, Graham Oglesby.

## NOTICES

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Brother Edwin Mortenson began a revival at Reamstown, Pa. Jan. 18. Please pray for our success.—R. H. Flinchum, pastor, Reamstown, Pa.

We are in a revival at Silver Point, Tenn., Brother D. A. Hensley doing the preaching. He's a fine preacher. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way. Please pray for the revival.—Cordell Carr, pastor, Silver Point, Tenn.

I have on hand seventy-seven Church of God Evangelists, some 1938 and some 1939 issues, all of which anyone may have for the asking if they will pay the postage.—Merle A. Vannordstrand, 205 Corning St., Red Oak, Iowa.

To the colored brethren of the Church of God: I am at Kannapolis, N. C. where we have a little church organized. We are buying and building also. The building is 30x50. We are having services in it. We would greatly appreciate the co-operation of any of our fellow ministers. Write me at once. Anyone interested in conducting revivals, write me. Pray for us. Any letters of encouragement will be appreciated.—Willie F. Reaves (colored), pastor, Gen. Del., Kannapolis, N. C.

To whom it may concern: This is to notify you that my address is 1713 Gross Ave., E. St. Louis, Ill. Any of my friends wishing to write me, it will be appreciated.—H. L. Marcum.

A real, old time, Holy Ghost revival began Jan. 1 at the Church of God, 755 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa. Brother Dave Lykens, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, is doing the preaching. There is good interest and a number have come back to the Lord. Pray for the work in this city that we may see a lot done for the cause of Christ.—Wm. F. Morris, pastor, 644 Park Ave., Johnstown, Pa.

To whom it may concern: I am in the evangelistic work. If anyone wants me for a revival, let me know. I have two daughters who play the guitar and sing. It doesn't matter how little or how hard the place; we are out for lost souls.—G. W. Alford, 309 E. Gilmer St., Ennis, Tex.

I wrote a request to the Evangel that the church house at Christian, W. Va. had burned and we were asking for prayer that our efforts be blessed in rebuilding it.

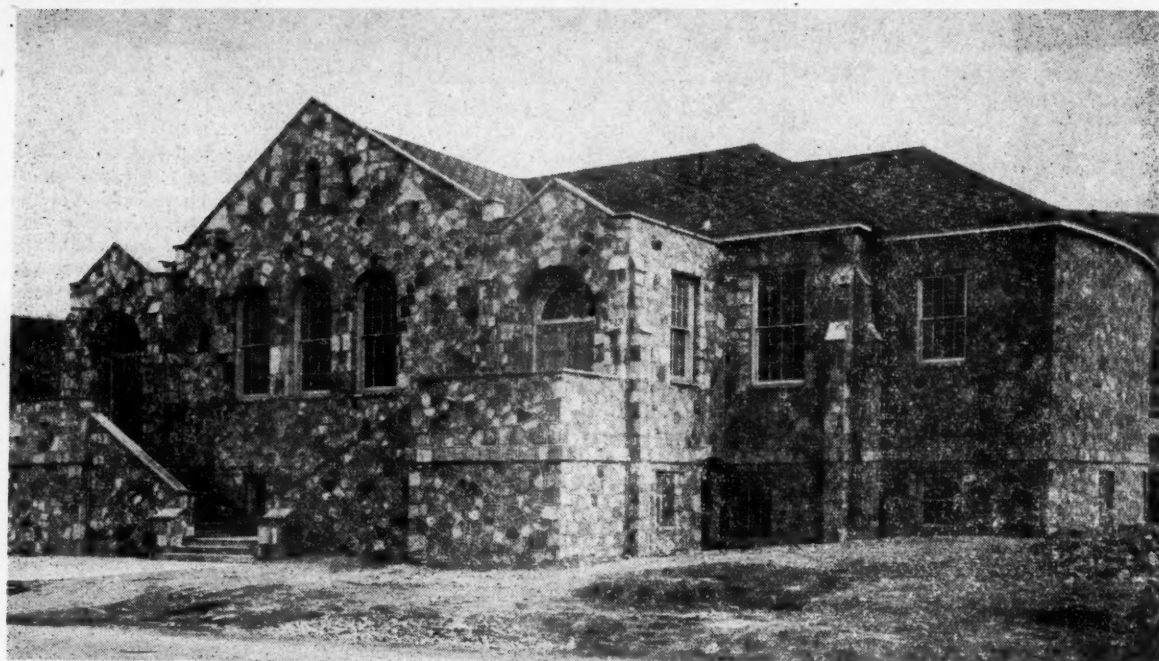
Today I am glad to say we have purchased and paid for a lot here, just one-half mile from the highway, on which to build a church house, and for which we thank God. We will soon be able to build a house to the glory of God.—Everett Belcher, clerk, Christian, W. Va.

Telegram from Rev. Bun E. Hicks, pastor at Beckley, W. Va., reads: "We are having the biggest revival ever conducted here; Florence Kinsley in charge. The attendance has broken all previous records, state conventions included."

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## THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EAST CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, DEDICATED LAST YEAR



### Greetings in Jesus:

"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ . . ." These precious words were uttered by a great man, a man whose purposes, plans and duties, in fact, his complete life was changed after his talk with Jesus on the way to Damascus.

I feel that Paul's words convey the sentiment of the members at East Chattanooga. This church is blessed by having had so many good pastors. We believe the present building is a monument to all of their faithfulness. Also, this church has produced a number of faithful, active ministers, too.

Back in the early part of 1938 there were so many necessary repairs on our building that demanded attention, it was decided to have services elsewhere and do a complete remodeling job. Rev. H. R. Morehead, our pastor at that time, worked faithfully at the job. Many contributed generously, others gave free labor. Yet, with all of that, it became necessary to borrow two thousand dollars. Well, all through the summer we labored and looked forward with great anticipation to the time we could be back at "home."

We saw steel beams erected to make the building more substantial, and the stones as they were placed one on the other; up and up the building went. It was within one month of completion, a beautiful stone-veneered structure, when early one Monday morning a mysterious fire destroyed our building. It was a pitiful sight. This, of course, meant a loss of several thousand dollars to the members



REV. E. E. WINTERS, Pastor

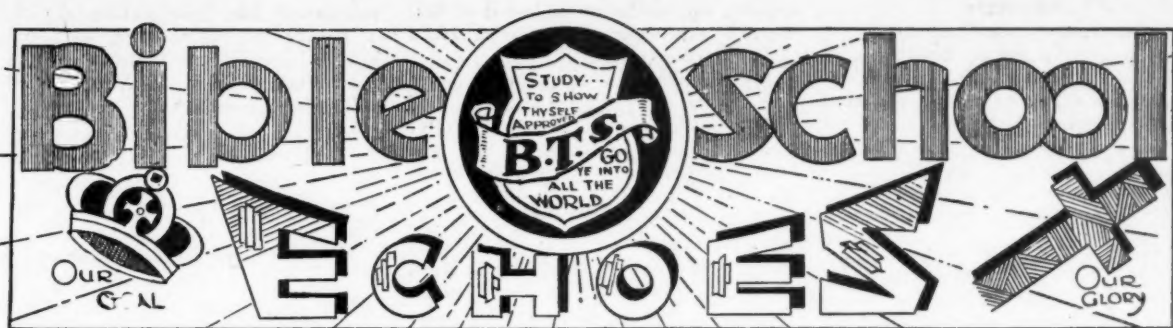
with only two thousand dollars insurance. And too, it took over \$1,600 to liquidate a loan. The intense heat twisted the big steel beams which made it necessary to remove them; in fact, everything had to be torn away to the foundation. We thought for a while the city's inspector would condemn the foundation also. This fire was a terrible blow to the church. In the midst of it all God was with us. A poet expressed it very nicely when he said, "Just when I need Him most, Jesus is near to comfort and cheer, just when I need Him most." That's a true and lovely thought, isn't it?

Because of illness, Rev. H. R. Morehead felt it necessary to change climate. Rev. E. E. Winters, of North Carolina, accepted the pastorate. With the aid of a \$5,000 loan and other forms of pledges, along with \$8,000 pledges in the form of

insurance, the building has been erected again. This commodious building is situated at the foot of the historical Missionary Ridge, which can be seen at the left of the photograph. The new church has a seating capacity of 800 in the main auditorium. It is heated by the latest type equipment in steam heating, the plant costing approximately \$1,700. Lighting of the main auditorium is by use of four chandeliers which shed indirect lighting. Each of these chandeliers contains ten full daylight florescent bulbs. All remaining to be finished are the finishing touches to the pastor's study and the completion of eleven Sunday School rooms and a small auditorium in the basement. The cost of the building will be around \$15,000; it is said that a duplication of the church would cost \$20,000.

The dedication services were in August. Rev. E. L. Simmons, at that time our state overseer, also a former pastor, reviewed the history of the local church. Rev. S. W. Latimer spoke in the afternoon. Both of these messages were splendid. We've had two good revivals since; the first by Rev. D. B. Yow, the latter being conducted by Rev. E. M. Mortenson. A number were added to the church. Rev. E. M. Ellis has been back with us several times, others too, but space will not permit me to mention them all. However, it's a pleasure to have these precious men of God with us. Our pastor, Rev. E. E. Winters, is an energetic worker. All the members appreciate the untiring efforts of this servant of the Lord. It is re-

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Prayer! If you enjoy this medium of contact with the supernatural, there is no better place for you than the Church of God Bible Training School. Prayer is associated with all the activities of the school. If you were to stay in one of the dormitories some day or night, you would have the privilege of hearing many remote and near-by prayers ascend to the Father from consecrated young students. Your heart would melt and overflow in tears as you listened to the mournings for lost souls; you would rejoice when you heard someone's gay laughter—the laughter that accompanies God's blessings. The prayer at B. T. S. is contagious—it quickens the soul!

King Winter dealt too severely with some of the students. His wintry winds, flurries of snow and sneaking chill were more than some could endure. He howled and blew until quite a few were put to bed with flu—some with severe cases. A prayer band of about twenty students was formed to pray for the sick. We went to each room where someone was sick and had concert prayer for them. There was singing, shouting and speaking in tongues as the Lord blessed our souls. Oh! we had a glorious time! The same day many of them were out of bed. God answered our prayers and touched their bodies! With-

### Prayer in B. T. S.

BY CHARLES CONN

out the aid of physicians and medicine they were healed—the fruits of prayer with faith.

Another example of B. T. S. prayer is the Junior Class Prayer Chain. Rev. James L. Slay, Jr., of Akron, Ohio, is to conduct a two weeks' revival here, and is being backed with much prayer. The Junior Class has formed a chain of prayer that will not stop until victory is attained. Each member is assigned a daily and nightly period. At all hours of the night and day prayer is being offered up for souls to be saved. God will answer each prayer—we'll have a glorious, victorious revival! Prayer is all profit!

As well as in constant prayer, we are trained in memory, clear minds and quick thought at B. T. S. There were three contestants chosen to represent each class in a Scripture Tournament held Saturday night. In the "Sword Drill" the nine eager, nervous students waged skillful "warfare" for their respective classes. There were flashing Bible leaves and tensed scripture reading as the "battle" waxed stronger and stronger. With their attack led by Henry Ellis of Tampa, Fla., the Senior Class beat the Juniors by one point. Mrs. Dorcas Watson of Atlanta,

Georgia, was best performer for the disappointed Junior team. The contest was exciting!

Nine other stalwart contestants lined up for the Scripture Quotation Contest. For hours the three teams tried for supremacy. Chapters were quoted from Genesis to Revelation; verses flashed about the room; one by one contestants dropped out; the "battle" roared on! The anxious, strong-hearted Freshman team, with colors flying, overwhelmed their opponents. Led by Horace McCracken of Ellensburg, Washington, they won the contest from another disappointed team of Juniors. Orlan Lee Rose of Eldorado, Ill., was the outstanding Junior combatant. The thrilling point of the contest was the "battle" between Brothers Rose and McCracken when all other members had been disqualified.

Another great treat of the past week was an interesting prophetic sermon by Rev. B. L. Hicks, overseer of Kentucky.

There are many pleasant surprises here at school. God is always blessing us in some wonderful way, to repay us a thousandfold for our efforts to glorify His kingdom. We are continually blessed from His great storehouse of blessing. Yes, friends, this place is but one step from heaven!

### HITLER OF NIETZSCHISM??? CAN HE CLAIM GOD'S HELP???

By Darrell E. Wolfe, Evangelist

"He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him," Prov. 14:2.

Adolph Hitler, the great dictator of the lands and populace of Germany, another would-be world dictator, persecutor of Christianity and all that is right and of God; a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, a man having the spirit of the devil to perform the wicked slaying of the thousands of men, the starvation of women and children, claiming friendship and loyalty with his own people and then heading them out on a battle front to meet death in a heathenish war for the gain of riches, which some day soon will be as worthless as the mire of sin itself.

Nietzschism,—the religion or philosophy of Frederick Nietzsche of Germany, who died insane in the year of about 1900. He believed that man could perfect himself by self-assertion. He was an insane prophet of a superman. Hitler evidently thinks himself to be such. He drove the Jews out, and those who would serve Christ, persecuting them, and set up a man-made doctrine.

Man-made religion or philosophy can not even satisfy an atheist. Their expression at death, if you are lucky enough to be at one's bed, is that there is a hell to shun. He that saith in his heart, "There is no God," is a fool indeed. Hitler, who has turned unto the god of forces, idolatry, and covetousness of worldly gain, is surely helping to place the abomination of desolation. Looking for sympathy from God-fearing nations, he proclaimed that

God would help Germany win. If Germany should ever win, it would be because God merely let her win to fulfill some scripture and bring about the world conditions the Bible has so designated to come to pass.

"But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him (God)." Perverse means obstinate to the truth, lawless, and disobedient to God. How can Hitler then claim the help of God? Hitler who has the doctrine of EGOISM, self-dominating, procrastinator and ego-maniac. Let the people of America who love God be ready at all times to keep such away from our borders, our schools, and our churches. May I add that such disorders creep in as cunningly as the mafia or black hand of vengeance which was once prevalent in the United States and crept

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## Requests

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God to comfort my mother's heart, in the loss of the jewel of our home; the unsaved ones in the home and unsaved loved ones.—Kenneth Barbour, Acosta, Pa.

The healing of our baby's spine and leg. He cannot walk at times. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Taylor, B. T. S., Sevierville, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of cold and a very bad cough; him to be willing to get humble; God to save his soul; the Lord to help my little boy quit a bad habit and save him; my other children to be saved and healed of colds; me to stand true; God to make a way for me to take a home study Bible course; our community; God to make a way for a church here; a Church of God preacher to come this way. Just get a tent to live in, you can preach in my home. Come help me build a church. Don't worry about work, there is plenty of it here now. We have a good community and many are looking toward holiness. God to heal Mrs. Viola Lusk's broken limb and save her soul; her mother to be healed and get closer to God; unspoken request.—Sister Joe Smith, Savage, Miss.

My mother to be healed, she is very low.—Charles Davis, Pikeville, Tenn.

The strengthening of my body; me to let God have His way in my life; special unspoken request.—Mrs. Nettie Massey, Roswell, Ga.

The healing of my husband's foot which was badly bruised or sprained and a piece of bone broken off one of the small bones of his foot; him to get salvation; me to be an overcomer.—Mrs. J. C. Sellers, Rt. 1, Box 74, Dade City, Fla.

My husband to come back to God; the healing of our afflicted bodies; me to hold on to God. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Cleo Cannon, West Point, Tenn.

God to give us a good revival here and many souls to be saved; God to help me to be an overcomer; my husband to get closer to God; my children to come back to the Lord; the healing of my sick boy.—Mrs. Spurling, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

My poor old father and mother to come back to the Lord.—Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Rt. 1, Duff, Tenn.

Brother A. H. Hudson to be healed of a back injury.—Mrs. A. H. Hudson, Seminole, Okla.

Our revival soon to start here; me to be restored to normal health; three special unspoken requests; me to keep humble and obedient to the Lord.—Mrs. P. R. Walker, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

My husband and children to be saved; me to be an overcomer and be faithful.—Mrs. Beatrice Hopkins, Spavinaw, Okla.

My sister and brother to be saved; my body to be completely healed; unspoken

request; my brother to be healed of fits; me to be true.—Miss Della Carder, Hona Ave., Asheboro, N. C.

My husband to be healed of a cough and that he can get work at home; God to save my children; a friend to receive the Holy Ghost and that we will hear from him.—Martha Bratcher, Rockport, Ky.

Us to have more of God's love and be what He would have us be.—C. Zimmerman, 122 E. Livingston Dr., Flint, Mich.

My husband who is suffering in his body to be healed.—Alma Pratt, Winter Beach, Fla.

Me to be healed of inflammatory rheumatism; I am not able to take care of my appointments and am in need of prayer.—Brother M. C. Salmon, West Virginia.

The revival at West Knoxville; God to give many souls.—G. W. Messer, pastor, 1312 Grand Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

Special unspoken request; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; me to get closer to the Lord and be a full overcomer.—Mrs. W. H. Wise, Shelburn, Ind.

The healing of my baby; the Lord to help us get by some way. If Sister Gregory of Oklahoma sees this I'll be glad to hear from her.—Mrs. Mary Groves, Star Rt., Warren, Ark.

Our revival here. Come be with us.—W. H. Compton, pastor and district overseer, Delbarton, W. Va.

Me to be healed of a severe cold and the flu; my lungs which seem so weak to be strengthened. Anointed cloth and letters of encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Creala Hagan, Rt. 2, Box 51-B, c/o P. S. Anderson, Plant City, Fla.

Me to be healed of a cancer in my left eye. If you have any good books I will appreciate same.—Mrs. Birtie Coleman, Rt. 4, Millport, Ala.

Me to be healed of something wrong with my back; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. G. B. Smith, Shaw, Miss.

Me to be healed of a cancer in my head.—Mrs. Josie Tucker, Alcoa, Tenn.

Me, my husband and two children to be healed of some kind of skin trouble; God to provide work for my husband.—Mrs. D. H. Skinner, Rt. 1, Lithonia, Ga.

I am much better after receiving the letters and cards from some of the saints. Pray for me to be completely healed of high blood pressure and uretic trouble; me to be an overcomer; my husband and loved ones to be saved; this lost community; an unspoken request.—Mrs. E. Y. Sauls, Rt. 3, Opps, Ala.

The healing of a little child who is very ill; my baby to be healed of the croup; my other children to be healed of sores; the revival at St. George; our church, Y. P. E. and Sunday School; me to keep humble.—Mrs. C. D. Nine, Rt. 2, St. George, W. Va.

Our little work here which we have

just started. Any Church of God preacher or member passing through, we will be glad to have you stop with us; us to get a building here.—G. W. Alford, 309 E. Gilmer St., Ennis, Tex.

My daddy to be healed and saved; pray for his mind; me to hold on to God. Letters will be appreciated.—Mrs. Nancy Short, c/o State Highway Garage, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Unspoken request.—Lillie Walker, 606 High St., Morristown, Tenn.

Our meeting here; the healing of Brother Clay Vance's body. — Charles Bishop, St. George, W. Va.

A very sore place on my left side, which I think sometimes is a cancer or tumor, to be healed.—Miss Ethel Tidwell, 2806 40th Ave., Fairmont, Ala.

Very urgent unspoken request. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. Catherine Wright, Rt. 1, Oakland, Tenn.

My health to be restored; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my unsaved husband.—Mrs. E. B. Fowler, Rt. 4, Emory, Tex.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Susie Haile, Juniper, Ga.

Five special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Goldie Lane, Blacksburg, S. C.

## ON THE AIR

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## The Furnace of Affliction

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fered for us in the flesh.

Undoubtedly we all have learned when going through the valley of the shadow of death and when the enemy is trying us so hard, then we ask ourselves the question, "Why does God allow this to come our way?" Perhaps we forget that at times we earnestly prayed that God would make us more like Him and give us more divine love, give us greater visions and revelations of Himself. We forget that at such times the dust, as it were, is wiped out of our eyes and we get a better vision of God than we had before, and after the trial is over we find ourselves richer in love, deeper in God, having more patience, having more longsuffering, and above all, having a tender feeling for those who are out in sin. We have learned more of the secret of praying, we have found a greater spirit of praise in our hearts than we ever had before. We have often thought on the words of the Psalmist David when he tells us that God's people sometimes are tried as silver is tried; that they are brought into the net, that affliction is laid upon their loins, that men have ridden over their heads, they have gone through fire and water, then he mentions the glorious fact that through it all God brought them into a wealthy place.

There is something about hardships that the natural man shuns. There is a tendency to draw away, but it remains a fact that if we want God's best, it is obtained only by following Christ implicitly. It means that we must set our faces like a flint, take up our cross and follow Him daily, and ever keep looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despised the shame, but He is now at the right hand of His Father in heaven. Someone has said that the true tried child of God has the joy that is to be coveted. His testimony has a sweet ring. His prayers are effective. The preaching of that kind of a man feeds the heart. It has that in it that satisfies the soul, and usually his messages bring conviction to the unsaved.

## Will The Church Go Through the Tribulation

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for the OVERCOMERS to step in and Jesus will take us to the marriage of the Lamb until the indignation of the Lord will be overpast. Isa. 26:20, 21. May God help us to be ready for that day.

## Leaves From the Fig Tree

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ing the persecution today. Of course, the world ruler will disannul the covenant,

even as the dictators violate their solemn (?) words of honor (?) today. These newest events are all a part of the picture that points to us the nearness of the Midnight Hour.

## Daily Bread

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forest to an appointment. Suddenly he felt that he should pray and stopping his horse dismounted and fell on his knees and poured out his heart to God. Several months afterward an Indian became converted and told the story of being hidden behind a tree ready to shoot the missionary when he got off his horse. "Why did you not shoot?" asked the missionary. "Ah, there were too many of you," he replied. The angels of the Lord are encamped around about them that fear Him.

## Question Box

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tration of spiritual things by familiar earthly objects or incidents. In the second place, in Matt. 13:34 we have these words, "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables, and without a parable spake he not unto them." In Mark 4:34 it is also said, "But without a parable spake he not unto them." And thirdly, on the same grounds that our inquisitor stands, Jesus said positively there was a certain rich man. I note that in Matt. 21:28 Jesus said, "What think ye, a certain man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard," etc. Most every one accepts this as a parable, but Christ does not designate it as such.

As stated by the Editor in the former explanation, it makes no difference whether this was a true happening or whether it was not, it is a laying beside, a comparison, and even though it actually happened, it is comparable to things that might take place in these days and was given to teach such a lesson. An argument as to whether or not that it was a parable is unjustifiable.

Editor's note: All those writing to the Question Box must sign their names and give their addresses if their questions are to be accepted.

## East Chattanooga Church Dedicated

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ported that the tithes are more than at any previous time in the history of the church. Our obstacles, by the help of God, have been turned into stepping-stones of success. We have a good Sunday School, with C. L. Griffith as superintendent. Thorvold Byrd is our Y. P. E. president. Both of these officials have their heart in the work of the Lord. A publicity committee was organized by the pastor; those serving are John Ledford,

and the writer, as chairman. We invite you to pay us a visit any time.—Manuel Campbell.

## Hitler and Nietzsche

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in from Sicily. Remember this also, that we now have enough of man-made doctrines and fables to fight with the Word of God, let alone such egotism as that of Hitler or any other dominating figures creeping into our borders. This, my dear brother and sister in Christ, points directly to the domination of the Antichrist who will rise up out of obscurity, therefore, let us be prepared and have on the cloak of uprightness, and fear the Lord, seeking always to be in the center of His will lest we stray, at the approaching of the second coming of the Son of God in the clouds to keep His bride out of the tribulation and abominations that are approaching. God bless each reader with the Spirit of truth.

## Lord Blessing at Seminole, Okla.

SEMINOLE, Okla. — We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here at Seminole. We have just closed a three weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Calvin Rogers. There were about twenty-four saved, six sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We certainly appreciate the efforts the evangelist put forth. He did some hard preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Pray for us here that we will keep the revival spirit throughout the coming year.—R. S. Collins, pastor, Gen. Del.

## At The Church of God Pub. House

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operators transfer the thoughts which have been transferred from your minds to paper, to the metal slugs from which they are transferred to the books, magazines, tracts, and other printed material that goes out from the Publishing House. Without these machines printing would be a very slow process, as it was in the many days past. But with their aid, as with other modern machinery, literature has been reduced to a price that even the poorest can afford to read.

ARNETT, W. Va.—I praise God for salvation. I am only fifteen but I have been a Christian for almost four years. While I am in school the devil tries very hard to overcome me sometimes, but I just look to God in prayer and praise His name He helps me overcome. If it is the Lord's will I am going to Bible School next year. I am giving up everything for Him. Pray for me that the Lord will provide a way for me to get to go to B. T. S. next year. I would like to correspond with other Christian people.—Miss Hilda Criner.

## Foreign Missions

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going to rain. It comes all at once, therefore, we have to take our raincoats with us all the time. We carry them in our bicycle basket, thus we are always prepared for the rain. It may not rain long at a time but it rains enough to get you wet if you are not prepared for the rain. So we can see that it is not always the latter rain that is falling. The devil can cause the tempest to come suddenly and strong against our souls, but the text says, "A man shall be a covert from the tempest." We hear Job say, "They are wet with the showers of the mountains, and embrace the rock for want of a shelter," Job 24:8. When the showers of the tempest come in like a flood we can embrace the rock for want of shelter, and even though we may be seven hundred miles from our homeland, out in the ocean in the Islands of Bermuda, we can find the "sweet Rock of Ages" to hide from the tempest.

3. "The Drought." "As rivers of water in a dry place." I am sure that everybody can imagine the tragedies of thirst. When there is a great thirst we would give anything for something to satisfy that thirst. We here in Bermuda are in a place to know what drought means. There are two or three months in the year when the rain is held up and, of course, the people who don't have extra large water tanks run out of water and then there is a drought on. Then those that run out of water have to go and do what the wise virgins told the foolish virgins, "Go ye rather to them that sell and buy." There may be times when our souls have become thirsty, then we know that the text is real; when we seek the Lord with our whole heart we find "A man shall be as rivers of water in a dry place." Then as the dew falls, so shall our

souls be watered. In many ways we are made to know that God will be to our thirsty souls as rivers of water. There are dry and hard places in human life. A dry heart is perhaps the saddest and the most appalling thing in human life, and it is more common than many suppose, but wherever it is found, the true man will be to that dry heart like a river of plenteous water. We have found that to be true that David said, "There is a river and the streams whereof make glad the city of God."

4. "The Heat." "As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Many times if we did not wear our helmet the heat of the Bermuda Islands would be too much for us to stand, and it is true in our Christian life that the heated trials and troubles of this life sometimes get heavy and hard to bear, but we can then look to our text, "A man shall be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." A man shall be a refuge, rivers of water, the shadow of a great rock. I wonder what we find in Christ that would make a refuge or a shadow of a great rock? But then we see how often Jesus has been to our souls a hiding place from all manner of storms. "Jesus"—just the word "Jesus," the very word "Jehovah" who made heaven and the earth, and who bears them up by His unaided power, who rides upon the stormy sky, and puts a bit into the mouth of the raging tempest, how shall I, a poor worm of the dust, draw nigh to such a God as this? And then we hear Him say, it is nothing that you have done, it is nothing that you deserve, but it is through my great love that you have this great protection, "and while we were yet sinners Christ died to save us." A shadow is that something that protects from the heat, so regardless of how hot the devil may try to make it for us, the Lord Jesus will shadow us with His great

love.—Carl J. Hughes, Hamilton, Bermuda.

## Souls Are Being Blessed in Jamaica

Dear Evangel readers: I am glad to have the privilege again of sending in a report from this part of the great mission field of the Church of God, 11 French Street, New Town, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I. I praise God for the improvement of the work over here. God surely is blessing us wonderfully. Souls are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, and new members are being added to the church. Praise God!

We are also thanking the dear Lord for our state overseer, H. A. Hudson. On Sunday night, Jan. 14, he delivered a wonderful message to us on "The Greatest of God's Church and Men's Churches." It was a real thrilling message and got such a grip on the hearts of men and women that in a few minutes after he had made the altar call the altar was filled with seekers crying out to God. We are glad for the Word of God, because it liveth and abideth for ever.

Pray for us. We are determined to live for Christ and we know man's extremity is God's opportunity to work. If Jesus goes with us we will go anywhere. May the God of heaven bless you all.—E. P. Potts, 8½ Studley Park Road, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

## Testimonies

Dear Evangel readers and saints everywhere: Jesus has been my only physician now for years and has healed me many times. The 16th and 17th of July, 1939, I was near death's door. Jesus came to my rescue and completely healed this body of mine. Thank God. By His love and grace I mean to trust Him to the end.—Miss Zola Pearl Hand, Cairo, Ga.

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